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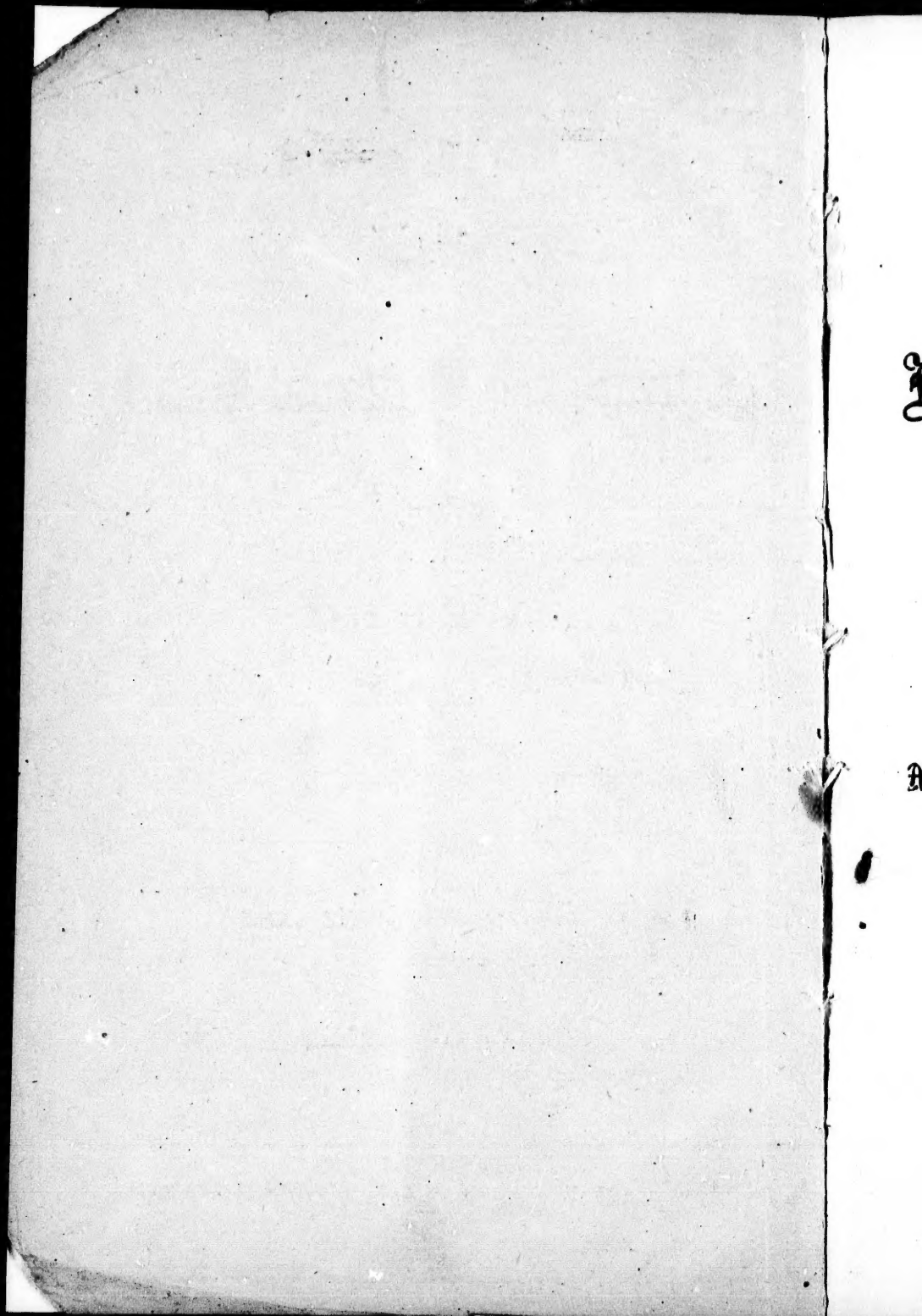
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CHARTER
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Literary and Historical Society
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WILLIAM THE FOURTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith—To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern—GREETING: Whereas an Association of divers of our loving subjects in the Province of Lower Canada, has been formed in the City of Quebec, in our said Province, under the name of the "**Literary and Historical Society of Quebec**," for the prosecution of researches into the early history of Canada, for the recovering, procuring, and publishing, interesting documents and useful information, as the Natural, Civil and Literary History of British North America, and for the advancement of the Arts and Sciences in the said Province of Lower Canada, from which public benefit may be expected. And whereas it has been represented to us that the advantages to arise from the Association would be greatly increased and confirmed by the Incorporation of the Members thereof, and an humble application has been made to us that we would be graciously pleased to grant our Royal Charter of Incorporation for this purpose. Now KNOW YE—that being willing and desirous to afford encouragement to an Institution for objects so laudible and beneficial: We, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have willed, ordained,

granted, and appointed, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do will, ordain, grant, and appoint, that George Earl of Dalhousie, Sir James Kempt, John Adams, Edmund William Romer Antrobus, Charles Ardouin, Thomas Cushing Aylwin, Frederick Baddely, Henry W. Bayfield, Francis Bell, Henry Blake, Edward Bowen, William Brent, Joseph Bouchette, Robert Shore Milnes Bouchette, Joseph Bouchette, junior, George Bourne, Judge Burton, Edward Burroughs, John Caldwell, Hugh Caldwell, Archibald Campbell, Charles Campbell, John Saxton Campbell, John Cannon, Edward Caron, John P. Cockburn, Andrew Wm. Cochran, Thomas Coffin, James Cuthbert, John Davidson, William H. A. Davies, Dominick Daly, Jérôme Demers, Edward Desbarats, Frederic Desbarats, Rober D'Estimauville, William Dudley Dupont, William Bowman Felton, John Charlton Fisher, John Fletcher, William Findly, James B. Forsyth, John Fraser, John Malcolm Fraser, François Xavier Garneau, Augustin Germain, Manly Gore, William Green, Louis Gogy, John Hale, James Hamilton, André Rémi Hamel, Joseph Hamel, Victor Hamel, Aaron Hart, James Harkness, William Henderson, Frederick Ingall, William Kemble, William Kelly, James Kerr, Pierre Laforce, Louis Lagueux, William Lampson, Pierre de Salles Laterrière, Thomas Lee, junior, Joseph Legaré, Henry Lemesurier, Thomas Lloyd, William Lyons, Frederick Maitland, John McNider, William McKee, William King McCord, Roderick McKenzie, John Langly Mills, Thomas Moore, Joseph Morrin, George J. Mountain, Henry Nixon, Charles Panet, Joseph Parent, Etienne Parent, Augustus Patton, François Xavier Perrault, Joseph François Perrault, William Power, Francis Ward Primrose, William Price, Rémi Quirouet, William Rose, John Richardson, Randolph I. Routh, William Sax, Jonathan Sewell, Edmund Sewell, Robert S. M. Sewell, William Sheppard, Peter Sheppard, Joseph Skey, William J. Skewes, William Smith, James Smillie, William Stringer, Charles James Stewart, Lord Bishop of Quebec, James Stuart, David Stuart, Andrew Stuart, Joseph Signay, Robert Symes, Jean Thomas Tachereau, John Pyefinch Thirlwell,

Henry Trinder, Joseph Rémi Vallières de St. Réal, George Vanfelson, Norman Fitzgerald Uniacke, George Usborne, George A. Wanton, Gustavus Wicksteed, Daniel Wilkie, George Willing, Thomas William Willan, George Wurtele, and Jonathan Wurtele, and their successors for ever, to be elected in the manner hereinafter directed, shall be one body, politic and corporate, in deed and in name, by the name and style of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec; and that by the same name they shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal; and that they and their successors shall from time to time, have power to alter, renew or change such common seal at their will and pleasure and as shall be found convenient, and that by the same name, they and their successors, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be able and capable to have, take, receive, purchase, acquire, hold, possess, and enjoy, to them and their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments of what nature, quality or kind soever, situate, lying and being within our said Province of Lower Canada, so as the same do not exceed in yearly value the sum of five hundred pounds, sterling money of Great Britain, above all charges; and also to take, receive, purchase, acquire, have, hold, possess and enjoy, to and for the same uses and purposes, any goods, chattels, gifts or benefactions whatsoever. And we do hereby grant and declare, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors for ever, by the same name, shall and may be able and capable to sue in law, and to be sued, plead and to be impleaded, answer and be answered, in all or any Court or Courts of Record within our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and our said Province of Lower Canada, and other our dominions, in all and singular actions, causes, pleas, suits, matters and demands whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial manner and form as any other body politic or corporate, or any other our liege subjects, being persons able and capable in law, may or can sue, implead or answer, or be sued, impleaded, or answered, in any matter whatsoever. And for the

accomplishment of the purposes aforesaid, we do grant, ordain and declare, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors for ever, shall, on the second Wednesday in January yearly and every year, meet at some convenient place to be appointed by the said Society, or the major part of them who shall be present at any General Meeting, between the hours of eight and twelve in the morning; and that they or the major part of such of them as shall then be present, shall choose one President, one or more Vice-Presidents, one or more Treasurer or Treasurers, one or more Secretary or Secretaries, and such other Officers and Servants as shall be thought expedient, to serve in the said offices during the year next ensuing, and if by reason of any cause, matter or thing, the Election so to be held and made on the second Wednesday in the month of January, yearly as aforesaid, should be prevented, or may not be had or made, we grant and ordain that in every such case it shall be competent to the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors, or the major part of such of them as may be present at a Meeting to be held as soon after as may be convenient, to proceed to and make Election of a President, Vice-President, or Vice-Presidents, Treasurer or Treasurers, Secretary or Secretaries, Officers and Servants, as aforesaid, and the Election so made shall be as valid and effectual as if they had been made on such second Wednesday in the month of January as aforesaid; and we do hereby grant and ordain that the Honorable Jonathan Sewell, our Chief Justice of our said Province, and a Member of our Executive and Legislative Councils of our said Province, shall be the first President of the said Society; and that the said President shall within six months after the passing of the Charter, cause notice to be given to the several Members of the said Society herein before mentioned, to meet at such time and place as he shall appoint; and that they or the major part of such of them as shall then be present, shall proceed to the Election of one or more Vice-President or Vice-Presidents, one or more Treasurer or Treasurers, and one or more Secretary or Secretaries, and such

other Officers and Servants as shall to them seem meet; which said Officers from the time of their Election to their respective offices, shall continue therein until the second Wednesday in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and from thenceforth until others shall be chosen in their places in manner aforesaid. And we do further grant and ordain, that if at any time or times, it shall happen that any of the persons chosen to the said offices respectively, shall die, or be removed from the said offices, or resign the same during the period for which they shall have been respectively elected, then, and in every such case, it shall be lawful for the surviving and continuing President, or any one of the Vice-Presidents, to issue notice to the several Members of the said Corporation, to meet at the usual place at which the annual Meeting of the said Society shall be held, at such time as shall be specified in the said notice; and that the Members of the said Corporation who shall meet in pursuance of such notice, or the major part of them, shall and may choose an Officer or Officers, in the room and place of the person or persons who shall have died, or resigned, or have been removed as aforesaid, as to them shall seem meet. And we do further grant and ordain, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors, shall and may on the second Wednesday in every month, yearly and every year for ever hereafter, and oftener if occasion shall require, meet at some convenient place to be appointed for that purpose, to transact the business of the said Society; and shall and may at any meeting on such second Wednesday in the month, elect such persons to be Members of the said Corporation, as they or the major part of them present shall think expedient. Provided always, and our will and pleasure is, that no act done at any Meeting of the Society shall be valid and effectual unless the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, and eight other Members of the said Society at least be present, and the major part of them do consent to and concur therein. And we do further will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do grant and ordain, that

the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors, or the major part of them who shall be present at the first and second Meetings of the said Society, or at any Meeting on the second Wednesday in the months of January, May and November in each and every year, and at no other Meetings of the said Society, shall have power and authority to frame and make Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, touching and concerning the good government of the said Corporation, and the income and property thereof, and any other matter or thing which to them may seem fit and expedient, for the more effectual attainment of the objects of the said Corporation, and the administration of its concerns, and also, from time to time, by new Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, as to them may seem meet. Provided always, that the said Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, shall not be repugnant to the Laws of our said Province of Lower Canada or to this our Charter. And provided also, that the said Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, shall be subject to the approbation of our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of our said Province for the time being; and shall forthwith after their adoption be transmitted for consideration; and in case he shall for us, or in our behalf, signify his disapprobation thereof, in writing, within one year after the same shall have been so as aforesaid made known to him, the same or such part thereof as shall be so disapproved, shall, from the time of the signification of such disapprobation to the President of the said Corporation, be utterly void and of no effect, but until such disapprobation be so signified, shall be and remain in full force and virtue. And we do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, charge and command that the said Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, so as aforesaid to be made by the said Literary and Historical Society, under and subject to the provisions as aforesaid, shall be strictly observed, kept and performed, from time to time and at all times, as therein and thereby may be required, under the penalty therein contained: And we will and by these presents for us our heirs and successors, do grant and

delare that these our Letters Patent, or the enrolment of the exemplification thereof, shall and may be good, firm and valid, sufficient, and effectual in law, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and shall be taken, construed and adjudged upon, in the most favorable and beneficial sense, and to the best advantage of the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, as well in our Courts of Record as elsewhere, and by all and singular the Judges, Justices, Officers, Members and others the subjects of us, our heirs and successors, any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, imperfection, defect, cause, matter or thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

ANNO DUODECIMO.
VICTORIA REGINA.

CAP. CLII.

An Act to amend the Charter of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec.

25TH APRIL, 1849.

WHEREAS in the Royal Charter of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, incorporating the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and bearing date the 5th day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, a proviso is inserted in the following words: "Provided always, and our will and pleasure is, that no act done at any Meeting of the Society shall be valid and effectual, unless the President or one of the Vice-Presidents and eighteen Members of the said Society at least be present, and the major part of them do consent to and concur therein;" And whereas the *quorum* established by the said proviso hath been found to be inconveniently large, and the said Society have petitioned that the Charter be amended in this particular, and the said *quorum* reduced in the manner hereinafter provided: Be it therefore enacted, by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled: *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that for and notwithstanding anything in the said proviso, or on any other part of the Charter cited in the preamble to this Act, each and every act done at any meeting of the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, shall be valid and effectual, provided the President or one of the Vice-Presidents of the said Society, and at least three other members thereof be present at such meeting, and the majority of them do consent and concur therein, and not otherwise.

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MEMBERS.

1. The Society shall consist of an unlimited number of *Associate Members* and *Corresponding Members*, and a limited number of *Honorary Members*.

2. The number of Honorary Members shall be limited to one hundred, of which not more than *twelve* may be residents within ten miles of the City of Quebec.

3. The election of Members shall take place only at the Monthly General Meetings of the Society as provided for in the Charter. They must have been previously proposed at a preceding General or stated Meeting, by two Members, such proposal to be in writing. The election shall be by Ballot, and two-thirds of the Members present must vote in favor of the person ballotted for, in order to his being elected.

4. No Ballot for the admission of any Member shall take place unless one of the Members who may have made the previous proposal shall move the Ballot of the person so proposed by him.

5. Members shall pay an annual subscription of Four Dollars, which shall become due and payable on the first day of January, in each year, in advance.

6. Members elected prior to the 1st of June, in each year, shall be required to pay the subscription for the current year within two months of their being elected. If elected after the 1st June, they shall only be held to pay in proportion to the period of the year unexpired at the time of election.

7. No Member shall be allowed the use of the Society Library until he shall have paid his first subscription.

8. No Member in arrear for one year (not including the current year,) shall be eligible to hold office or to vote, and if in arrear two years (not including the current year) he shall cease to be a Member, but it shall be in the power of the Council to reinstate him on payment of his arrears.

9. Members absent from Quebec twelve or more consecutive months, shall be exonerated from the payment of the dues, accruing during such absence, provided all arrears be paid up previous to such absence.

10. Associate Members shall sign the Charter or an obligation in the following words:

"In becoming Members of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, We promise, each one for himself, to respect the Charter and observe the Rules and Regulations of the Society, and that we will endeavor to promote the interests, objects, and honor of the Institution."

"In testimony thereof we do respectively herewith subscribe our names."

11. The election of every Associate Member who shall neglect or refuse to sign the Charter, or the obligation aforesaid, within six months after his election, shall be declared null and void.

• 12. Members may resign on acquainting the President of the Society thereof, in writing. Such Members on resigning shall be liable for, and shall forthwith pay all arrears, including the annual payment for the current year, that may be due to the Society.

13. Members who shall pay the sum of Ten Pounds, in commutation of their annual subscriptions, shall be considered as

Life Members of the Society, and shall be exempt from any further payment.

14. No person residing within ten miles of the City of Quebec shall be eligible for admission as a Corresponding Member.

15. Persons of distinguished attainment in Science, Literature, and the Fine Arts, shall be eligible for admission as Honorary Members.

16. No ballot for the admission of an Honorary Member shall take place, unless the Council report previously in favor of the respectability and qualification of the person proposed.

17. Honorary and Corresponding Members shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Society without the right of voting, and to free admission to the Library and Museum.

18. Honorary and Corresponding Members may become *Members*, on the payment of the annual subscription, without any further ballot.

19. No entry of the rejection of any person by the ballot that may take place for his admission as a Member shall be made in the minutes of the Society's proceedings.

20. Members may be expelled from the Society for any flagrant act of disrespect to the Officers, or wilful disregard of the Rules and Regulations of the Society, or for any other improper conduct, whereby they may have rendered themselves unworthy of belonging to the Society.

21. Expulsion shall take place only pursuant to a resolution of the Society, adopted at an extraordinary General Meeting, convened for the purpose, and by the votes of at least two-thirds of the Members present.

22. Expelled Members shall be held liable for their arrears of annual payments due to the Society up to the period of expulsion.

OFFICERS.

23. The Officers of the Society shall be :—

A President,

Four Vice-Presidents,

A Treasurer,
A Recording Secretary,
A Corresponding Secretary,
A Council Secretary,
A Librarian,
A Curator of Museum,
A Curator of Apparatus.

24. The election of Officers shall take place annually at the Monthly General Meeting in January, as provided for by the Charter.

25. The election shall be by ballot of the Members present. A majority of the votes shall be sufficient.

26. The officers of the Society shall be elected by a separate ballot for each Officer, with the exception of the Vice-Presidents, who may be elected in a joint ballot, in which case their names are to be placed on the record according to the number of votes each may have received.

27. A list of the Members qualified to vote at the election of Officers, prepared and certified by the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer conjointly, shall be placed on the table in the Society's Room, at least one week before the election takes place.

28. Every Officer of the Society on going out of office, shall within one month thereafter, transfer and deliver over all documents and matters in his charge to his successor in office.

29. The duties of the respective Officers shall be:—

I.—The *President* shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and shall maintain the integrity of the Charter at all such meetings. He shall preserve good order and decorum, regulate the debates, and cause the order of proceeding prescribed by the Rules to be observed. He shall countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer. He shall not vote as a Member except at elections, but in case of equal divisions on questions before a meeting, he shall have the casting vote.

II.—The *Vice-Presidents* respectively shall have the same duties as the President during his absence.

III.—The *Recording Secretary* shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society at all meetings. He shall have the care and custody of all records, papers, and documents not otherwise appropriated, and have the care of and attend to the filling up of the Diplomas ordered. He shall give public notice of all meetings of the Society, at least twenty-four hours previous to the time of holding the same. He shall also notify the members of the council when its meetings are to take place. He shall also notify every Officer elected, who may have been absent at the time of his election, of his appointment, within a week of such election. He shall also notify Associate Members of their election within one week thereafter.

IV.—The *Corresponding Secretary* shall maintain and conduct the correspondence of the Society. Shall keep copies of the letters written on the business of the Institution, and have the care and custody of all letters and communications addressed to the Society. He shall notify Corresponding and Honorary Members of their election within one week thereafter, and acknowledge all donations made by those who are not Members of the Society within one week after the same have been received and presented.

V.—The *Council Secretary* shall take and preserve correct minutes of the proceedings of the said Council at each of its meetings. He shall have the care and custody of the Charter, the book or roll of the By-laws, and the Common Seal, all within the rooms of the Society.

VI.—The *Treasurer* shall take charge of the funds of the Society; attend to the collection and payment of moneys. He shall lodge in the name of the Corporation, immediately, and as he may receive the same, all moneys received in behalf of the Society, in such Bank as the Council may from time to time direct. He shall make no payment except by order of the Council, nor withdraw any money from the Bank except by checks signed by him, and countersigned by the President. He shall lay his Bank-book before the Society at every Monthly General Meeting, and also before the Council whenever they may require it. He shall grant

receipts in a printed form, to be bound up in separate books, for all payments made to the Society on account of the annual contributions of the Members, as well as any commutation payment they may make. The books shall be laid before the Society at their meetings, and before the Council whenever they may require it. He shall keep clear and detailed statements of receipts and expenditures, and submit the same at the Monthly General Meetings, and also to the Council at their meetings. At the annual meeting of the Society in January, he shall render a general account of receipts and payments made on account of the Society, during the past year, accompanied by vouchers, shewing the actual cash balance in hand on the first of January up to which date his accounts shall be made up. He shall also make up a detailed statement of the arrears due by Members, and of all debts, bonds, and other securities that may be due and owing to the Society. Also a statement of debts or claims, if any, remaining unpaid and due by the Society at that date.

VII.—The *Librarian* shall have the care and custody of the Books, Manuscripts, Maps, Charts, Plans, Diagrams, Prints, Engravings, Paintings, and other objects, deposited in the Library. And shall class and arrange them in scientific or methodical order.

VIII.—The *Curator of Museum* shall have the care and custody of the objects in the different departments of Natural History, Mechanical Arts, Manufactures, Inventions, Natural and Artificial Curiosities, as deposited in the Museum. He shall class and arrange the same in scientific or methodical order, or in the best manner possible according to his judgment.

IX.—The *Curator of Apparatus* shall have the care and custody of the Philosophical, Astronomical, Chemical, and Mathematical Instruments and Apparatus, and all other objects of a like nature, deposited in that department, and preserve them in good order for use at all times.

30. The Librarian and Curators respectively shall keep correct lists of all donations, deposits, and additions made to their respective departments, and shall allow nothing to be taken or carried

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81. The Librarian and Curators shall be held accountable for all objects, matters, or articles committed to their charge respectively.

82. The Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Librarian, and the Curators, shall severally report in writing, at every Monthly General Meeting of the Society, the transactions which may have occurred in their respective departments during the preceding month.

THE COUNCIL.

83. The Officers of the Society, with four other Members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall form a Council, and shall be the executive body of the Society. In that capacity, the Council shall superintend and direct the execution of all orders of the Society; order the payment of all claims against the Institution; superintend the execution of the duties assigned to the respective Officers and others in the employ of the Society; shall authorize and direct the purchase of the additions deemed advisable to be made to the Library, Museum, and Apparatus; appoint such clerks, assistants, guardians of the premises and property of the Society, such servants from time to time, as they may see fit; fix their salaries or wages, and order their payment; authorize and direct the purchase of stationery, blank-books, and other articles necessary for the use of the Society. They may convene extraordinary General Meetings of the Society. They shall appoint a sub-committee of their own number who shall have special charge of all matters connected with historical documents. They shall superintend and direct the printing and publishing of the transactions of the Society; of historical documents, and other papers ordered for that purpose by the Society, in such form, and in such manner as they may deem most advisable; appoint lecturers in any branch of science or department of literature; fix the time and place for delivering the lectures, and arrange the

terms of admission. They shall also prepare the Annual Report of the proceedings of the Society, and submit the same at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in January. They shall order and direct all other matters to be attended to, that may be deemed necessary for the advantage, well-being, and prosperity of the Institution.

34. The Council shall be convened at the call of the President, or in his absence, at that of one of the Vice-Presidents.

X 35. Five Members of the Council, of whom one must be the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, of the Society, shall be a quorum of the Council for the transaction of business.

36. The Council shall report its proceedings at every Monthly General Meeting of the Society.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

37. The Monthly General Meetings of the Society provided for by the Charter, shall be called meetings for business, at which new Members shall be elected, Reports of the Council, and Committees of the Society, received, the finances of the Society considered, and generally the business not particularly appertaining to the Literary, Historical, and Scientific pursuits of the Institution attended to. The Monthly General Meeting in January shall be considered the Annual General Meeting of the Society, at which the annual Report of the Council shall be read, and the election of officers take place. The chair at this meeting shall be taken at ten o'clock, A.M. The order of proceeding at the Annual General Meeting shall be :—

I.—The minutes of the last Monthly General Meeting read.

II.—The Report of the Council for the past year shall be read, together with the accompanying Report of the Treasurer, and of the other officers of the Society.

III.—The election of the officers shall then take place.

IV.—The retiring President, if presiding, shall then vacate the chair, which shall be taken by the newly-elected President.

V.—Donations received since last meeting announced.

VI.—Elections of new Members.

VII.—Deferred business shall be taken up.

VIII.—New business brought forward.

IX.—Adjournment.

The order of proceedings at the Monthly General Meetings of the Society shall be :—

I.—Minutes of the last Monthly General Meeting read.

II.—Report of Council read.

III.—Reports of Committee presented.

IV.—Report of Corresponding Secretary.

V.—Report of Librarian.

VI.—Report of Curators.

VII.—Report of Treasurer.

VIII.—Donations since last meeting announced.

IX.—Elections of new Members.

X.—Deferred business.

XI.—New business.

XII.—Adjournment.

38. There shall be Meetings of the Society held on the first and third Wednesdays of every month from October to April, both months inclusive, or oftener, at the discretion of the Council, and these shall be called stated Meetings of Literary, Historical, and Scientific pursuits, at which papers and communications on subjects connected with the objects of the Institution, shall be read; scientific exhibitions, and experiments in Nature and Art made; donations to the Library and Museum received, and new members proposed. No other business shall be brought up, except in cases of urgency, and on a vote of two-thirds of the members present. The order of proceeding at the stated meetings shall be :—

I.—Minutes of the last Stated Meeting read.

II.—Donations to the Library and Museum announced.

III.—New Members proposed.

IV.—Papers and communications read.

V.—Exhibitions and experiments.

VI.—Verbal communications.

VII.—Business brought up by special resolution.

VIII.—Adjournment.

39. The chair at the stated Meetings may be taken by any of the Members present who may be voted into it, should neither the President nor a Vice-President be present.

40. Extraordinary General Meetings of the Society may be convened by the Council, or by the President, at the request, in writing, of seven members of the Society, stating the object for which they wish to have it called. The business at such meeting shall be confined to the object for which it was called.

COMMITTEE OF AUDIT.

41. A Committee of the Members, not of the Council, shall annually be appointed by ballot at the Monthly General Meeting of the Society in December, to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts and statements for the year to end 1st January ensuing. And the Council shall report thereon at the annual Meeting in January.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

42. The Members of any Committee appointed for a special purpose or measure, shall be named by the President or Chairman, unless a ballot be demanded and granted by the meeting. The proposer of the reference to a special committee shall of right be one of its members.

43. Every special Committee shall first be convened by the proposer of the reference thereto within eight days from the date of its being named.

44. The special Committee, which shall not report within three months of its being named, shall be discharged from further consideration of the reference, and the chairman of such committee shall report its proceedings, whatever they may be, at the next Monthly General Meeting of the Society held after the expiration of the said period.

THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

45. The Library of the Society shall be open to the Members daily, Sundays and holidays excepted, from two o'clock to five o'clock between 1st May and 1st October, and from one o'clock to three o'clock for the remainder of the year. Strangers may be introduced to the Library by any Member.

46. The Museum shall be opened to the public daily during the same time as the Library, under such rules and regulations as the Council may establish.

47. The books in the Library shall be kept classed according to their subject, and the articles in the Museum shall be classed according to some scientific or methodical arrangement.

48. The property in the Library and the Museum, the apparatus, and the scientific instruments shall be preserved in suitable cases and cabinets under lock and duplicate keys, or otherwise, in such manner as the Council may direct.

49. The pamphlets and periodical publications received at the Library, shall be bound in volumes at the discretion of the Council.

50. Articles presented for the Museum, shall be arranged therein before the Monthly General Meeting next succeeding their presentation.

51. The specimens in Natural History, and other articles contained in the collection of the Museum, the apparatus, the scientific instruments, the books and works in the Library, which the Council may deem of rarity or value, shall not be lent or taken from the Society's rooms; the Council shall, however, be authorized to lend any of the apparatus and scientific instruments to Members of the Society, or other scientific persons applying for the same, upon a representation, in writing, that the articles required are necessary to enable them to carry out investigations connected with the objects of the Institution, such parties undertaking to be responsible for the safety of the articles borrowed, and to return the same within a limited time, and also to make good the damage they in the meantime sustain.

52. The books and works in the Library, those excepted by the preceding section, may be lent to Members of the Society for a period not exceeding ~~one month~~ at a time, ~~the borrower giving a receipt in a book which shall be procured for that purpose, which receipt shall contain a promise to return the book or books within the time limited, and in case they are lost or damaged, they shall replace the same, if to be obtained, or pay the Treasurer of the Society twice their value.~~ "

53. Catalogues of the property in charge of the Librarian and Curators, shall be open for the inspection of Members, and shall be kept by each of those officers in the rooms of their respective departments.

TRANSACTIONS.

54. The Transactions shall be published in such form and manner as the Council may from time to time decide.

55. No paper shall be published in the transactions of the Society that has not been previously read at a General or Stated Meeting of the Society, reported upon as to its merits, and recommended for publication by the Council, and thereupon ordered for publication, pursuant to a resolution of the Society at any of the General Monthly Meetings.

COMMUTATION OF PAYMENTS.

56. The principal sum received in commutation of the annual payments of Members, shall be funded by the Council, and the interest alone shall be available for the current expenses of the Society. The mode of investing such sums shall be left to the Council.

BY-LAWS.

57. All By-laws and standing orders to be enacted or adopted at the General Meetings of the Society appointed for that purpose by the Charter shall be proposed and discussed at a previous Monthly General Meeting of the Society.

GENERAL RULES.

58. All decisions, unless otherwise provided for by the Charter and By-laws of the Corporation, shall be by a majority of the votes of the Members present.

59. No debate shall arise or decision take place on any question, unless the subject be before the chair, on a written motion, and seconded.

60. When a Member speaks on a question, he shall rise and address the Chair, and no person shall speak twice on any question, except in explanation, or by leave of the chair.

61. Questions relating to party politics or religious controversy, shall on no account be admissible in the debates or discussions.

62. In all points not noticed by the Charter or By-laws of the Corporation, the Society shall be governed by the established usages of similar institutions in Great Britain.
